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26. (Amended) A self-starting synchronous motor as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the permanent magnets are employed in the form of a rare earth magnet.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claims 13 and 26 have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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- 13. (Amended) The synchronous motor as claimed in Claim 10 [or 11], further comprising a starter squirrel cage conductor in the rotor iron core.
- 26. (Amended) A self-starting synchronous motor as claimed in <u>Claim 1</u> [any one of Claims 1 to 25], wherein the permanent magnets are employed in the form of a rare earth magnet.